

The Democrat.

Telephones: Donphan, No. 30. Mutual, No. 80.

Local and Personal News.

Virgil Blankenship, who is employed in St. Louis, is here on a visit to relatives.

Superintendent Bertram Harry came home last Saturday from St. Louis where he had been attending the state Teachers Association.

Numerous hunting and fishing parties are up the river now camping out. The past week has been fine for sport out doors and in the woods.

E. Aereback is able to be about again and was down town for the first time in several weeks last Saturday, having been ill with a attack of typhoid fever.

If you want to borrow money on long time and easy payments see Geo. D. Sloan.

Fay Hoefler, who since he learned the telegraphers business at the I. M. station, has been filling relief situations on the I. M., went to Ironton last week to work there for awhile.

Gus Aereback and wife are here on a visit to their parents. Gus is in the employ of the Denver, Colorado, Street Car Co., as a conductor and has been there for the past year or two.

Lost—A rain coat between Judge Harris' farm and Donphan, on the Ozly road, Wednesday November, 12th. Made by Goodyear Rubber Co. Reward if returned to this office or to W. H. Henderson, Ozly, Mo.

Dr. C. A. Ponder, Jesse Ponder, Luther Moore and F. Bartly, of Fulton, went up the river last Sunday at far as Bagdad bay, for a hunting and fishing trip. They came home today and had a turkey and a lot of ducks, and report a great time.

George D. Sloan has money to loan on improved farms on reasonable terms. See him before placing your loan.

W. H. Bond, stock buyer and feeder, of Ripley county, Mo., was here last week and purchased fifty head of two year old steers, of sheriff Lish Williams. Mr. Williams received \$5.25 per hundred and as the stock was in very good condition he realized a nice sum for them.

Some progressive farmers of the county are still sowing wheat. Nearly all of them, however, are sowing the grain and a few are sowing clover seed, and all are using fertilizer, which brings the wheat right along. There will be the greatest wheat crop ever raised in Ripley county next year.

The brick work has been completed on the new high school building and the roofing timbers are about all in place. Another week if the weather is propitious, will have the building enclosed and then the interior work can be pushed right along, and the building completed by the first of the coming year.

If you are in need of money see Geo. D. Sloan for terms and time before borrowing. Office in court house with probate judge.

Mr. Tamm, the new I. M. agent at this station, who comes from Bismarck was checked into the office this week by an I. M. Auditor. Mr. Friend, who has been here for two years or more, will go to Bismarck and take charge there. He has been one of the pleasantest and most obliging gentlemen ever holding down the job here and has made friends of everybody who had business to transact with the I. M. company at this station.

Albert Jones went to St. Louis last Saturday and joined the Donphan colony of young men employed in that city, who have there headquarters at 403 South Broadway. The young men from here in that group, all of whom have good jobs in the city are Virgil Blankenship, Earnest French, Fred Pulliam, Earl McClain and Ray Cunningham. The boys are nicely fitted and each one is working steadily and making good.

J. B. Thompson has been appointed a deputy state game warden, temporarily, during the shooting season, as he is an expert on classification of game birds and game. He is an applicant for one of the positions of inspector for the U. S. Government, under the new game law recently passed by congress, and going into operation on the first of this month. The general government's law protects all game birds in flight, and all insectivorous birds, and is very strict.

L. A. Randel, of the west side of the river, Shirley township, sent ten years of his St. Charles yellow corn to the Dexter fair—The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Fair—held two weeks ago at Dexter, and won a first prize on it. He received the prize—\$5.00 in cash the first of the week and in speaking of it said he had always won out in a show, and that he intended to send ten ears to the corn show at Cape Girardeau which will be held in January next. Other Ripley county farmers should follow Mr. Randel's example.

Only two weeks until Thanksgiving. Turkey and cranberry sauce—yum, yum!

W. A. Brown, the Pine saw mill man was in town the past week looking after business matters.

J. P. Shemwell was in town the first of the week for a day or two visiting with his son Kit and family.

Sol Wall was in St. Louis for several days the past week purchasing new goods. He came home Wednesday of this week.

Rev. V. A. Bell was here for a day or two the first of the week, from down on Black river, near Pocahontas, where he is pasturing.

Joe P. Campbell has been in St. Louis this week attending the National Good Roads meeting and taking a course of Belcher baths.

Mrs. Addie Thoms and baby, of the bluff, came over the first of the week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. W. McGee, of East Locust street.

J. M. Harrison, foreman of a bridge and repair gang on the I. M. system, came in the first of the week to visit his folks and look after business matters.

State bank examiner, C. A. Eaton, for this district was here the first of the week inspecting the condition of the banks of this city. He found them in excellent financial shape.

Levi Springer arrived here the first of the week from his home on the Wabash, near Sullivan, Indiana. He says they have already had some very stiff weather up in Hoosierdom.

Philip Unterberger was called to St. Louis the past week, on Friday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother. He and his wife have been there all this week at their mother's bedside.

J. Fred Borth, Charley Lacy, Alphonse Paul and J. K. Cunningham went up the river to Round Bay last Sunday to spend a week hunting and fishing, making the trip up on W. A. Malugen's boat.

Tom Cardwell has again taken charge of his boarding house on Locust street, as the lease, J. H. Greer and the sub-lease, J. W. Helvey, both surrendered the property, Mr. Helvey moving back to his farm.

Elbert Daniels and wife are here from their home at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, visiting his parents. Mrs. Daniels has a case in court, a suit against the I. M. for injuries received in an accident at Neelyville, some months ago.

There is to be a foot ball game between the high school eleven of Poplar Bluff and Donphan high schools today at the base ball ground. They expect an exciting game. This will be the last game of the season for the Donphan eleven.

Charles Seymore, the oldest ranking locomotive engineer on the Arkansas division of the I. M. road, has been in town this week, from his home at Little Rock. He was interested in a land suit in court. He owns No. 7 and 8, the fast mail trains north and south from Poplar Bluff to Little Rock.

Eugene McGee arrived from St. Louis the first of the week to attend circuit court, and take short hand practice preparatory to accepting the position of court stenographer tendered him by Judge J. P. Foard. 'Gene has been attending school in St. Louis taking the short hand and typewriting course.

Sand and gravel are being placed on the right of way for the construction of cement culverts in the water courses that are now treasted with wooden timbers along the track of the I. M. branch east of this station. When this work is completed the road bed will be greatly improved and the train schedule shortened.

E. E. Herrif, who is now on the road for a feed and grain commission house, was in town over Sunday with his family. He said he had been out in southwest Missouri for the past two weeks and had been traveling about in snow and ice most of the time as that part of the state was caught in the recent blizzard that swept over so much of the country.

Ex-county judge John A. Pulliam came home from St. Louis, where he has been employed since last spring, last week. The judge is going about on crutches, having broken his leg below the knee, while helping to unload some iron from a car at the manufacturing concern he was working for. The accident occurred some weeks ago. The injury is healing up nicely.

Dr. Werth, of Queensmount farm, whose little 3 year old son died so suddenly a week ago, last Saturday, the Dr. being absent from home when the child first became ill, gives it as his opinion, from the condition and indications of the case, that the little fellow died of ptomaine poisoning, though from what source he came in contact with the poison neither he nor his wife can ascertain.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The November term of the Ripley County Circuit court convened last Monday with Judge J. P. Foard, presiding. The other officers of the court present and ready for business, were Chas. L. Ferguson, prosecuting attorney; E. S. Williams, sheriff; Charles O. Booker, clerk and J. J. Pollock, stenographer.

The judge administered the acquired special oath to Sheriff Williams and his deputies, Al. M. Williams and J. W. Cotton.

The petit jurors were called and answered to their names as follows:

W. J. Johnson, Matt Robb, Ed. Lacey, Thos. Reed, Levi Spies, Al. King, Walter Stewart, Joseph Payne, C. M. McCluskey, W. H. Stoddard, J. T. Emmens, George McDowell, Chas. Mitchell, Thomas Williamson, Joseph Jarrells, J. H. Lewis, John Thedford, Thomas Price, Jink Mounts, W. D. Brightwell, Bert Skaggs, James Roberts, Wm. McCord and John Aden.

The docket was called and cases thereon have been disposed of as follows, since court convened:

Case No. 599—State of Missouri vs. James and Allie Dean; conducting public nuisance. Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney.

No. 683—State vs. Bob Arnold; assault. Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney and costs taxed to the prosecuting witness, Harry Garrison.

No. 403—State vs. William Eastham, Murder. Appearance of all bondsmen except J. A. Webb. Continued on application and at cost of the bondsmen. Alias scire facies for J. A. Webb.

No. 716—State vs. Richard Brooks and Guy Newson; disturbing the peace. Plea of not guilty; trial to jury and verdict of not guilty, and defendants discharged.

State vs. Gus Blankenship, Harry and John Buffington and Sherrell Pace; gambling. Plea of guilty by each and fine of \$25.00 and costs assessed against each defendant. Stay of \$15.00 on fine in each case on payment of costs and \$10.00 of fine.

No. 741—City of Donphan vs. Wm. Parker, violation city ordinance. Continued by agreement.

No. 684—State vs. Willis Ponder; Carnal knowledge. Formal arraignment waived and plea of not guilty entered. Trial by jury which ended in a mistrial as jury failed to agree. Cause continued.

No. 719—State vs. Arie Workenberg, Cecil Steel, Chester Arnold and William Miller, gambling. Plea of guilty entered by Chester Arnold and fine of \$25.00 and costs assessed to him. Formal arraignment waived as to the other defendants and plea of not guilty entered. Trial by jury and verdict of guilty and fine of \$25.00 assessed against each defendant. Fine stayed as to Chester Arnold on payment of costs.

No. 720—State vs. William Sullivan and Joe Seigler; gambling. Plea of guilty on the part of Joe Seigler; and cause continued as to William Sullivan, and fine stayed on part of defendant Seigler.

No. 721—State vs. Ben Bingham and Joe Seigler; gambling. Plea of guilty on the part of Joe Seigler and fine of \$25.00 assessed against him. Same entry made as to Ben Bingham.

No. 722—State vs. Ben Bingham, Chester Arnold, John Bingham and Joe Seigler; gambling. Plea of guilty entered by Ben Bingham, Chester Arnold and Joe Seigler, and fine of \$25.00 assessed against each defendant. Cause dismissed as to John Bingham.

No. 723—State vs. John Patterson; Carnal knowledge. Continued by agreement.

No. 724—Acme Harvesting Co., vs. Geo. W. Smith; note. Trial to court and judgment by default for plaintiff, for \$57.00.

No. 725—Oliver Sloat vs. St. L. & S. F. R. Co., damages. Non-suit by plaintiff.

A. O. Scott et al vs. George S. Green, action for money had and received. Trial to court and decision reserved.

No. 699—Albert Piotrowski vs. John Johnson; fraud and deceit. On trial.

No. 727—Bob Russell et al vs. T. S. Russell appellants Clay County Dredge Co.; labor. Dismissed by plaintiff.

No. 728—Rowena Farge, executrix of the last will and testament of Laura G. Norton, deceased, vs. Paul G. Brill; account. Trial to court and judgment on first count for \$235.68; and judgment found for \$300.00 and attachment sustained as against land.

No. 729—A. A. Marsden vs. Monroe McMillan; account. Trial by court and judgment in sum of \$25.00 for plaintiff and costs.

No. 677—W. O. Proctor vs. T. J. Jarrett et al; note. Trial to court and judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$33.35; judgment to bear interest at 8 per cent.

No. 730—J. A. Thaxton, administrator estate of H. C. Thaxton, deceased, vs. Herman North, et al; note. Dismissed at the cost of defendants.

No. 705—C. H. Martin vs. Al Kennedy, partition. Allowance of guardian ad litem fee to J. P. Fulbright of \$25.00. Allowance of attorney fees for plaintiff's attorney in sum of \$50.00. Report of sale filed and approved and deed ordered.

No. 706—Flora Walker, et al vs. Laura Adams, et al; partition. Allowance of \$25.00 attorneys fees to J. P. Fulbright.

No. 733—L. W. Johnson vs. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry Co; damages. Motion to quash overruled. Non-suit by plaintiff.

No. 734—Corinne Daniels vs. St. L. I. M. & S. Ry Co; damages. Leave granted to amend petition and leave granted to amend sheriff's return to conform to the facts, and cause continued by agreement.

No. 735—A. A. Taylor vs. Geo. W. Wells; quiet title. Settled out of court.

No. 690—Donphan State Bank vs. L. Harris et al. (County Court); mandamus. Trial to court and judgment for the defendants. The finding of the court is based on the theory that defendants are entitled to recover upon the merits of the case.

No. 601—Bank of Naylor vs. L. Harris et al; damages. Trial to the court and judgment for the defendants.

No. 737—Donphan State Bank vs. Ripley County; county warrants. Trial to court and judgment for plaintiffs on each count of the petition.

The following named attorneys, from out of town were here during the week looking after court cases in which they were interested. Jerry Mulloy, Reyno, Arkansas; Geo. Munger, Dexter; Hon. N. A. (Dolly) Mosley, Bismarck; Hon. Thos. F. Lane, Cape Girardeau; Annot Sheppard, Sam Phillips and Ed Abington, Poplar Bluff.

Court may close the session tomorrow but there are a good many cases on the docket yet to be disposed of, though the greater number thereon are what is generally known as court cases, viz: cases to be tried to the judge.

There were a number of naturalization cases, parties taking out their papers of citizenship. All of them were Poles.

Rural School Notes.

(By Rosebud)

L. A. Harper was at Ozly Wednesday.

Dr. J. J. Daniels was at L. T. Sterns Tuesday on business.

Miss Kate Foulk is in Poplar Bluff visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Duffey.

Alec and Felix Bronski came home last week after spending the summer in Kansas.

Mrs. J. E. Fagan went up to Dutch Town Saturday noon for a visit with relatives there.

Rev. Bridges will preach at Belleville Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody invited.

Miss Florence Fagan came home Saturday from an extended stay at Naylor and Dutch Town.

A bridge crew had their cars set at the switch, and were doing some repair work along the branch the first of the week.

The box supper at the new church Saturday night was very well attended considering the blustery weather. The cake for the prettiest girl was legally voted to Miss Victoria Skibiski for \$17.50. The proceeds in all amounted to about \$25 which will be used for the benefit of the church.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1914 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1914 Almanac is now ready and will be mailed prepaid for only 35c. Professor Hicks' fine Magazine, Word and Works, for one year, and a copy of this almanac for only one dollar. The plain lessons on astronomy, and the correct forecasts of storms, droughts, blizzards and tornadoes, make these publications a necessity in every home in America. Send to Word and Works Publishing Co., 3401 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

H. E. BRASCHLER.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special report to Ripley County Democrat

National Stock Yards, Ill., Nov. 11, '13.

Sheep receipts 3500. Trading was active with values a flat quarter higher all along the line. Top lambs brought \$8 and bulk of the good kinds sold at \$7.75 to \$7.90; fair to good \$7 to \$7.75, and culls to fair kinds \$5.50 to \$6.75. Fat sheep commanded \$4.85; canner sheep \$2.50 with choppers at \$4. Yearling wethers made \$6.25 today; bucks \$4; good fat goats \$4 to \$4.25.

Hog receipts 12,000. Heavy receipts were not at all unlooked for owing to recent strength of the market and it bears out our opinion in former report that and advance would be temporary. A prime load of heavy hogs and the only one to land the price brought \$8.25 early. The general market was 15 to 20c lower and \$8.15 was the real top at the close.

Cattle receipts 6500. This department manifested as good tone as characterized yesterday's trade. Transactions were steady to strong. Compared with last week's close, best butcher cattle and tidy beef steers are 25c higher. Heavy steers and common butcher cattle 10 to 15c higher.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

Central Business College SEDALIA, MO.

The following pupils recently have been placed in good positions: Vernon Lewis, Steno., Publicity Collecting Agency, Sedalia; Ethel Howell, steno. & bkpr. Scott & Morgan, Realty & Loan Co., Sedalia; Raymond Kaseby, Steno. & Asst. Bkpr., Chasoff Store Co., Sedalia; E. J. Monckton, Steno. St. Louis, Mo.; Morris Roberts, steno. Columbia Savings Bank, Columbia, Mo.; Marie Potter, bkpr., Knight Hwd. Co., Sedalia; S. R. Netherton, Commercial teacher, High school, Jefferson City; Catherine Cook, steno., Kansas City, Mo.; Ella Pahmeier, steno., J. D. Wilson, county advisor, Cooper county, Booneville, Mo.; Mike McAllister, steno. Murray & Schmidt Poultry Co., Sedalia; Rufus Kessler, Steno., Rice Live Stock Com. Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Besie Claypool, steno. Kansas City, Mo.; Ray H. Nichols, steno., Southern Railway Co., Columbus, Miss.; D. B. Randleman, steno., Williams Insurance, Sedalia; Minnie Crawford, steno., Crawford Bottling Works, Sedalia; S. E. Aarr, Steno., Zelmick Supply Co., Deepwater, Mo.; Maude Griffin, bkpr. Sedalia Milling Co., Sedalia; R. M. Wells, Commercial Teacher, Missouri Training School for boys, Booneville, Mo.; Mrs. Maude Meser, Steno., Underwood Typewriter Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Mabel Stryker, Steno., Cotton Mills Security Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Clara Imhauger, steno., Economy Steam Heating Co., Sedalia.

Several receiving, on first leaving school, as much as \$75.00 per month. School is very full and interesting. Many are writing that they will enter this month.

Full particulars with catalogue and booklet on stenotype by addressing, C. W. Robbins, Sedalia, Mo.

Mullen.

(By Rosebud)

L. A. Harper was at Ozly Wednesday.

Dr. J. J. Daniels was at L. T. Sterns Tuesday on business.

Miss Kate Foulk is in Poplar Bluff visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Duffey.

Alec and Felix Bronski came home last week after spending the summer in Kansas.

Mrs. J. E. Fagan went up to Dutch Town Saturday noon for a visit with relatives there.

Rev. Bridges will preach at Belleville Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody invited.

Miss Florence Fagan came home Saturday from an extended stay at Naylor and Dutch Town.

A bridge crew had their cars set at the switch, and were doing some repair work along the branch the first of the week.

The box supper at the new church Saturday night was very well attended considering the blustery weather. The cake for the prettiest girl was legally voted to Miss Victoria Skibiski for \$17.50. The proceeds in all amounted to about \$25 which will be used for the benefit of the church.

DRAG ROADS NOW BUFFAM ADVISES

COMMISSIONER ON INSPECTION TRIP OVER HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH HIGHWAY.

PROMISES STATE AID SOON

In Meantime Individual Work is Urged to Show General Desire for Improvement—Has Plans Next Year's Work.

Macon.—Frank W. Buffam, state highway commissioner, and a party of 14 inspection the Hannibal and St. Joseph cross-state highway and the roads into St. Louis, spent a day in Macon.

"The object of this trip," said Mr. Buffam, "is to discover any defects in the highways and suggest the remedy. The most objectionable feature we have noticed so far is short culverts.

"Culverts should be at least 20 feet wide. If they are made the full width of the road, it is better, especially when near hills.

"We found the highway out of St. Joseph in fair condition, with here and there a bad stretch. The roads can be kept in good condition all winter if the farmers keep on dragging them until the freeze comes. Then they will have a good, hard, smooth road to take them through the winter. I am going to issue a bulletin about the necessity of dragging now before the roads are frozen.

"There is no question in my mind, but that the next legislature will pass a measure giving us substantial aid from the state for road work. Meanwhile, we must show, by individual efforts, that we will use such aid to the best advantage.

"When the government sees what the state is doing it will step in and help, no doubt. Local effort is what will count most now in obtaining this important help."

Mr. Buffam also discussed a plan he had for next year, the demonstration of kinds of road machinery.

Bank Officers Are Dismissed.

Caruthersville.—At the opening of the trial of the 11 cases against J. A. Cunningham, F. J. Cunningham and S. P. Reynolds on the charge of receiving deposits as officers and directors of the Pemiscot county bank when that institution was insolvent, all the informations were dismissed. It was said that since the discovery that Cashier A. C. Tindle of the bank was short nearly \$340,000, the three men who were made defendants in these recent charges have done much to prevent financial loss to the depositors. The charges against them were due to spite work, they contend.

Jury Disagrees on Sentence.

Fulton.—The jury in the trial of Edward Wilson, the negro accused of murder, was discharged after deliberating 54 hours and reporting to Judge David H. Harris that they could not agree. Five of the jurors are said to have held out for hanging and the remaining seven wanted to give him a life sentence. They had all agreed on a first-degree verdict.

Plan New Electric for Springfield.

Springfield.—The building of an interurban railway connecting Springfield with Carthage, Joplin and intermediate points was practically assured when the company received a franchise for the use of Division street for entering the city. The railway will be an electric line, and a company will be organized and capitalized so far as possible by men from this section of the country.

Cape Votes School Bonds.

Cape Girardeau.—At a special election Cape Girardeau voted \$125,000 bonds for a new schoolhouse. The vote was 6 to 1. The school enrollment increased 500 this year, making more buildings necessary.

Jasper Druggist Ends Own Life.

Carthage.—John Closure, 49 years old, druggist, of Jasper, a small town 11 miles north of Carthage, committed suicide by drinking poison.

Farmer Slays Old Friend.

Caruthersville.—Willis Young, shot and killed Brad Meatie at Harts, six miles west of here. The men had been old friends and neighbors.

For Submarine Safety.

All German submarine boats have been equipped with buoys that can be detached from the deck of a sunken craft at the end of a cable containing a telephone wire to enable rescuers to converse with persons within the boat.

Lincoln Commissioners Select Roads.

Lincoln.—Lincoln county's highway commissioners have announced their selection of roads leading to Milan, Trenton, Chillicothe, Mascop, Kirksville. These branch in six directions from Lincoln.

May Deport Columbia Chinese.

Columbia.—Harry C. Allen and H. R. Bennett, government officials from St. Louis, left here with two Chinese charged with having evaded the Chinese immigration act. The two Orientals probably will be deported.